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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

MAIL STOP AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the office action mailed June 14, 2006, the Applicants submit the remarks and arguments provided herein.

The Claims as currently pending are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this submission.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this submission.